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**Transmittal of Continuation-in-Part Patent Application**  
**for Filing Under 37 CFR \$1.53(b)**

Box Patent Application  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s):  
Herbert Hooper; Sharat Singh, Travis Boone, Rolfe Anderson, David Albagli  
and Antonio Ricco and entitled:

**MULTIPLE-SITE SAMPLE-HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp.
- ☒ Certificate of Express Mail.
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-64 and  
☒ 19 Sheets of drawings.
- ☒ Declaration of Inventorship (unsigned).
- ☒ Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing from Parent Application, printout of Sequence Listing, and Matching Declaration.

2. Amendment

- ☐ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- ☐ Please cancel original claims \*, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)

3. Extension of Time

- ☐ A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to \* (copy enclosed).
- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing if required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- ☒ This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/788,209, filed February 16, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

5. Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of Application No. \* filed in \* on \* is claimed under 35 USC §119.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

- ☒ This application and parent application Serial No. 09/788,209 filed February 16, 2001 are assigned of record to Aclara BioSciences, Inc., sent for recording in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 6, 2001.
- ☒ Power of Attorney in the above-identified prior application is to Peter J. Dehlinger, Reg. No. 28,006, and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

7. Entity Status

- ☒ Small entity status is proper under 37 CFR 1.28(a).

8. Fees

The filing fee has been calculated taking into account any amendments in section 2 above:

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Basic Fee				\$355.00	or		\$710.00
Total Claims	12- 20	0	0 x \$ 9 =	\$ 00.00	or	x \$ 18 =	\$
Independent Claims	2- 3	0	0 x \$40 =	\$ 00.00	or	x \$ 80 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$135 =	\$	or	+ \$270 =	\$
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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0665 for the filing fee due (\$355.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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